

having executed such defective deed, or those claiming under them, are now in possession of the property; *Provided also*, that whenever it shall appear that there has been surprise, or mistake, or fraud, in obtaining such deed or acknowledgment, this law shall not operate to make good such deed.

CHAPTER 72.

AN additional SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* to regulate Public Ferries.
See notes to the original law, ante page 175.

*Nov. 1781,
ch. 22.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act it shall and may be lawful for the different county courts of this state, upon the conviction of any licensed ferry keeper for the non-performance of his duties, to fine such ferry keeper, at their discretion, any sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, in each and every case.

Keepers
may be
fined for
neglect of
duty.

CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to repeal part of the Act,* entitled, an Act for the ease of the inhabitants in examining evidences relating to the Bounds of Lands, and in the manner of obtaining Injunctions.

* 1723, ch.
8.

Repealed by 1818, ch. 230.

CHAPTER 149.

AN ACT relative to the administration of Justice.

See process act of 1817, ch. 139.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever any process shall be issued from any county court directed to the sheriff, coroner, or other officer of another county, and the sheriff, coroner, or other officer, to whom the same shall be directed, shall neglect to make due return thereof to the court to which such process may be made returnable, it shall and may be lawful for such court, on motion, and on proof of the delivery of such process to such sheriff, coroner or other officer, to amerce such sheriff, coroner or other officer, in a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, and to enter up judgment against such sheriff, coroner or other officer, for the amercement so imposed in the name of the state, but for the use and benefit of the party aggrieved by the neglect of the said sheriff, coroner, or other officer, which judgment shall be as valid as any judgment rendered upon the verdict of a jury, and the party for whose use and benefit the same shall have been entered, may sue out execution as in other cases of judgments rendered in the said court.

Process not
being
returned
sheriff may
be amerced;
Judgment.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every county court to which any action hath been or may be removed, shall have full power and authority to issue a warrant of resurvey, order or other

Courts may
issue war-
rants, &c.
to officers